

Existence and decay rates for a semilinear dissipative fractional second order evolution equation

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ABSTRACT

In this work we study the existence and uniqueness of solutions and decay rates to the total energy and the L^2 -norm of solution for a semilinear second order evolution equation with fractional damping term and under effects of a generalized rotational inertia term in the case of plate equation. This system also includes equations of Boussinesq type that model hydrodynamic problems. We show decay rates depending on the fractional powers of the operators and using an asymptotic expansion of the solution to the linear problem, we prove for some cases depending on the exponents of the operators, the optimality of the decay rates.

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1 INTRODUCTION

We consider in this work the following Cauchy problem associated to plate/Boussinesq type equations with a fractional damping and a generalized fractional rotational inertia term in \mathbb{R}^n

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} + (-\Delta)^\delta u_{tt} + \alpha \Delta^2 u - \Delta u + (-\Delta)^\theta u_t = \beta (-\Delta)^\gamma (u^p), \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), \\ u_t(0, x) = u_1(x) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with $u = u(t, x)$, $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n$, $\alpha > 0$, $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $p > 1$ integers and u_0, u_1 are the initial data. The Laplacian power δ , θ and γ are such that $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2$ and $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$.

The function $u = u(x, t)$, for example e , in the case $\delta = 1$ and $\beta = 0$, describes the transverse displacement of a plate without non-linear effects, but subject to effects of rotational inertia and a fractional dissipation represented by the term $(-\Delta)^\theta u_t$. In the case $\delta = 0$ and $\beta = 0$ the linear equation in (1) models the plate displacement without rotational inertial effects.

In the case $\delta = 2$, $\beta \neq 0$ and $\gamma = 1$ the equation in (1) is a Boussinesq equation of sixth order under dissipative effects to model hydrodynamic problems (see [16], [6]). If $\delta = \alpha = 0$, $\gamma = 1$, $\beta \neq 0$ and without the dissipative term the equation in (1) is a generalized Boussinesq equation. If the nonlinearity has the form $\Delta(u^2)$ the equation is called the Boussinesq equation (Bq). With this type of nonlinearity and $\delta = 1$, $\alpha = 0$ and without the dissipative term, the equation in (1) is called the improved Boussinesq equation (IBq). This same equation with more general linearity as it appears above in (1) is called the IMBq equation (Modified IBq) (see [15]). All these variants of Boussinesq have many physical applications, such as the propagation of longitudinal waves of deformation in an elastic rod in the case of the dimension $n = 1$, propagation of shallow-water waves. Six-order Boussinesq equation was derived in the study of surface layers of nonlinear plasmas and non-linear chains (see [1], [5]). In Maugin [12], Maugin proposed such a Boussinesq model to model the dynamics of nonlinear networks in elastic crystals.

In the article by Charão-Horbach-Ikehata [7] the authors studied the equation in (1) for the linear case $\beta = 0$. In that paper they studied decay rates for the linear problem and showed that the rates are optimal under the conditions $1/2 < \theta < \min\{3/2, \delta + 1/2\}$ and $0 < \delta < \theta$.

In this paper our aim is to show the existence and uniqueness of solution for both the linear problem and the semilinear problem and to get decay rates for the semilinear problem under suitable conditions on the initial data and the fractional exponents of the Laplacian operator. Our results improve several previous works (see [2], [3], [8], [9] [11], [13], [14], [15], [16]).

1.1 Basic Results

In this section we introduce some results and technical lemmas that will be used in this paper. Part of these results are known and standard and the proof is not necessary.

The method to prove our results such as properties of the Cauchy Problem (1) includes to apply the Fourier transform to get an equivalent Cauchy problem in Fourier space associated with the problem (1). Thus, we need to define the Fourier Transform of a function as usual.

Definition 1.1: *If $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then we denote for $\mathcal{F}u$ the Fourier Transform of u given by*

$$\hat{u}(\xi) = \mathcal{F}u(\xi) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} u(x) dx.$$

In addition, we denote by $\mathcal{F}^{-1}\hat{u}$ the inverse Fourier Transform of \hat{u} given by

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\hat{u}(\xi) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi.$$

For $u \in H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the operator $(-\Delta)^\alpha$ is defined via Fourier transform by

$$(-\Delta)^\alpha u(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[|\cdot|^{2\alpha} \hat{u}(\cdot)](x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Theorem 1.1 (Plancherel Identity) For all function $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ it holds that $\|u\| = \|Fu\|$.

In this work we use the space $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $s \in \mathbb{R}$. The following definition is the equivalent to the usual definition of $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition 1.2: For $s \in \mathbb{R}$ we define the space

$$H^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n) / (1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} \hat{u} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \right\}.$$

In the case $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $s > 0$ we use the following equivalent norm and inner product

$$\|u\|_{H^s}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2s}) |\hat{u}|^2 d\xi \quad \text{and} \quad (u, v)_{H^s} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2s}) \hat{u} \bar{\hat{v}} d\xi.$$

In the case $H^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $s > 0$ we use the norm and inner product given by

$$\|u\|_{H^{-s}}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2s})^{-1} |\hat{u}|^2 d\xi \quad \text{and} \quad (u, v)_{H^{-s}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2s})^{-1} \hat{u} \bar{\hat{v}} d\xi.$$

Remark 1.1: *When $s = 2$ we consider the following norm and inner product equivalent to usual*

$$\|u\|_{H^2}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) |\hat{u}|^2 d\xi \quad \text{and} \quad (u, v)_{H^2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \hat{u} \bar{\hat{v}} d\xi.$$

Let consider the space of functions where we only take in account the derivative of greater order, that is, the space $\dot{W}^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, is defined for $m, p \in \mathbb{Z}$, $p \geq 1$ by

$$\dot{W}^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n) / \exists f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ with } u = (-\Delta)^{-m/2} f \right\}, \quad \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{Z}, p \in \mathbb{Z}, p \geq 1.$$

We may represent this space by

$$\dot{W}^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^n) = (-\Delta)^{-m/2} L^p(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

The norm in this space is defined by

$$\|u\|_{\dot{W}^{m,p}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(-\Delta)^{m/2}u(x)|^p dx.$$

Using the inner product and norm defined above, we can show some properties involving the spaces $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$. These properties have fundamental importance to show existence and uniqueness of solution for both linear and semilinear case.

Lemma 1.1: *Let $u \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If $s > \frac{n}{2}$ then exist a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$|u(x)| \leq C \|u\|_{H^s}, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

That is, when $s > \frac{n}{2}$ we have $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ continuously imbedding in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Lemma 1.2: *($H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is an algebra, $s > n/2$) Let $u, w \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If $s > \frac{n}{2}$ then exist a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\|uw\|_{H^s} \leq C \|u\|_{H^s} \|w\|_{H^s}.$$

This Lemma is proved in the article of Kato-Ponce and Wang-Chen.

Lemma 1.3: *Let $u \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If and $p \geq 1$ integer then there exist a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\|u^p\|_{H^s} \leq C \|u\|_{H^s}^p.$$

Proof: For $p = 1$ the lemma is trivial. For $p > 1$ integer applying Lemma 1.2 $p - 1$ times we get the result.

Lemma 1.4: *Let $u \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If $s > \frac{n}{2}$ and $p > 1$ integer then exist a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\|u^p\|_{L^1} \leq C \|u\|_{H^s}^p.$$

Proof: definition of norm $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we have

$$\|u^p\|_{L^1} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u^p| dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u^{p-1}| |u| dx.$$

Using Hölder's inequality with $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$ we have

$$\|u^p\|_{L^1} \leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u^{p-1}|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \leq \|u^{p-1}\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^2} \leq \|u^{p-1}\|_{H^s} \|u\|_{H^s}.$$

The proof follows from the fact that $p > 1$ is integer and $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is an algebra for $s > \frac{n}{2}$

Lemma 1.5: Let $u, w \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $s > \frac{n}{2}$ and $p > 1$ integer. Then there exist a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|u^p - w^p\|_{H^s} \leq C \left(\|u\|_{H^s}^{p-1} + \|w\|_{H^s}^{p-1} \right) \|u - w\|_{H^s}.$$

Proof: Define $h(\lambda) = \lambda^p$ then $h'(\lambda) = p \lambda^{p-1}$. By the Mean Value Theorem we have

$$u^p - w^p = p \lambda^{p-1} (u - w)$$

where

$$\lambda = (1 - \epsilon)u + \epsilon w,$$

for some $0 < \epsilon < 1$.

Therefore, using Lemma 1.1 and the fact that p is integer, we have

$$\|u^p - w^p\|_{H^s} = p \|\lambda^{p-1} (u - w)\|_{H^s} \leq C \|\lambda\|_{H^s}^{p-1} \|u - w\|_{H^s} \leq C \left(\|u\|_{H^s}^{p-1} + \|w\|_{H^s}^{p-1} \right) \|u - w\|_{H^s}.$$

1.1.1 Abstract Linear Problem: Existence of Solution

Let X be a Banach space and B a linear operator on X . Considering the abstract Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dU}{dt} = BU(t) \\ U(0) = U_0 \end{cases} \quad t > 0. \quad (2)$$

the following result holds.

Theorem 1.2: *If B is the infinitesimal generator of a C_0 -semigroup on X then, for each $U_0 \in D(B)$ the problem (2) admits a unique strong solution*

$$U(t) = S(t)U_0 \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, D(B)) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R}^+, X),$$

where $S(t)$ is the semigroup generated by the operator B .

If $U_0 \in X$ then we say that $U(t) = S(t)U_0 \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, X)$ is a weak solution for (2).

Theorem 1.3: *If B is the infinitesimal generator of a C_0 -semigroup contractions on a Banach space X and J is a linear and bounded operator on X , then $B+J$ is a infinitesimal generator of C_0 -semigroup on X .*

1.1.2 Abstract Semilinear Problem: Existence of Solution

Let X be a Banach space and B a linear operator on X . Consider the abstract Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dU}{dt} = BU(t) + FU(t) \\ U(0) = U_0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where $U_0 \in X$, $t > 0$ and F is a nonlinear operator.

Definition 1.3: *An operator $F: D(B) \rightarrow D(B)$ is continuous Lipschitz on bounded sets of $D(B) \subset X$ if given a constant $M > 0$ there exist a constant $L_M > 0$ such that*

$$\|F(U) - F(W)\|_X + \|B(F(U) - F(W))\|_X \leq CL_M \left(\|U - W\|_X + \|B(U - W)\|_X \right)$$

for all U and W in $D(B)$ such that

$$\|U\|_X + \|BU\|_X \leq M \text{ and } \|W\|_X + \|BW\|_X \leq M.$$

The next result is well known.

Theorem 1.4: *Let $F: D(B) \rightarrow D(B)$ a continuous Lipschitz operator on bounded sets of $D(B) \subset X$. Then, for each $U_0 \in D(B)$, there exist a unique strong solution $U = U(t)$ of the Cauchy Problem (3) defined in a maximal interval $[0, T_m)$ such that only one of the following conditions is true*

$$(i) T_m = \infty \qquad (ii) T_m < \infty \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow T_m} \|U\|_X + \|BU\|_X = +\infty.$$

The solution $U = U(t)$ of Cauchy Problem (3) belongs to the following class

$$U \in C^1([0, T_m), X) \cap C([0, T_m), D(B)).$$

1.1.3 Technical Lemmas

In this section we present some lemmas that we use to prove the existence and uniqueness of solution as well as some lemmas used to get decay rates in time of the solution. Some of those lemmas have already been proved in HORBACH, J. L., IKEHATA, R. e CHARÃO, R. C.

Lemma 1.6: *Let c and r be positive numbers and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$t^r e^{-c|\xi|^a t} \leq C |\xi|^{-ar} \quad \forall t > 0, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n, \xi \neq 0.$$

Lemma 1.7: *Let $k > -n$, $\theta > 0$ and $C > 0$. Then there exists a constant $K > 0$ depending on n such that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-C|\xi|^\theta t} |\xi|^k d\xi \leq K t^{-\frac{n+k}{\theta}}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Lemma 1.8: *Let $k > -n$, $\theta > 0$ and $C > 0$. Then there exist a constant $K > 0$ depending on n such that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-C|\xi|^\theta t} |\xi|^k d\xi \leq K(1+t)^{-\frac{n+k}{\theta}}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Lemma 1.9: *Let $n \geq 1$, $a > 1$ and $p > 1$ integer. Then, there exist a constant $C = C(a, p) > 0$ such that*

$$(1+t)^a \int_0^t (1+\tau)^{-pa} (1+t-\tau)^{-a} d\tau \leq C, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Proof: To estimate the above integral, we separate it into two integrals, that is, an integral over the interval $[0, \frac{t}{2}]$ and the other over $[\frac{t}{2}, t]$.

First, we observe that, if $0 \leq \tau \leq \frac{t}{2}$ we have $1+t \leq 1+2t-\tau \leq 2+2t-2\tau \leq 2(1+t-\tau)$ and this implies $(1+t-\tau)^{-a} \leq 2^a(1+t)^{-a}$, for $a > 1$. Then, for $ap > 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1+t)^a \int_{\frac{t}{2}}^t (1+\tau)^{-pa} (1+t-\tau)^{-a} d\tau &\leq 2^{ap} (1+t)^{a-ap} \int_{\frac{t}{2}}^t (1+t-\tau)^{-a} d\tau \\ &\leq 2^{ap} (1+t)^{a-ap} \frac{(1+t-\tau)^{1-a}}{1-a} \Big|_{\frac{t}{2}}^t \leq 2^{ap} (1+t)^{a-ap} \frac{1}{a-1} \leq \frac{2^{ap}}{a-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we define

$$C(a, p) = \max \left\{ \frac{2^{ap}}{a-1}, \frac{2^a}{ap-1} \right\}$$

to get the proof of lemma for all $t > 0$.

2 EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS: LINEAR PROBLEM

In this section using the the semigroup theory we show the existence and uniqueness of solution to the following Cauchy problem associated with an equation of Boussines/plate type with a structural rotational inertia (to the case of plates) and a fractional dissipation in \mathbb{R}^n with $n \geq 1$.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} + (-\Delta)^\delta u_{tt} + \alpha \Delta^2 u - \Delta u + (-\Delta)^\theta u_t = 0 \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x) \\ u_t(0, x) = u_1(x) \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where $u = u(t, x)$, $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n$, $\alpha > 0$ is a constant. The exponents of the Laplacian operators δ and θ are such that $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$.

Formally, the inner product in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ between the differential equation in (4) with u_t is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} E(t) + \|(-\Delta)^{\theta/2} u_t\|^2 = 0, \quad \forall t > 0, \quad (5)$$

where the total energy $E(t)$ of system (4) is given by

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\|u_t\|^2 + \|(-\Delta)^{\delta/2} u_t\|^2 + \alpha \|\Delta u\|^2 + \|\nabla u\|^2 \right). \quad (6)$$

Then, is natural to define the energy space as

$$X = H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (7)$$

Note that in case $\delta > 2$ we have $H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and this is unnatural because in this case u_t would be more regular than u . Another relationship we need to take care is the relationship between δ and θ because in the energy identity appears $(-\Delta)^{\theta/2} u_t$ and in the case $\delta \leq \theta$ we have $H^\theta(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Also it is necessary to consider the relationship that comes from

Luz-Ikehata-Charão (see [4]) where the condition of $\theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$ appears. To show the existence and uniqueness of solution we need consider two case between δ and θ and we rewrite the Problem (4) in a problem of first order on X as follows

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dU}{dt} = BU + J(U) \\ U(0) = U_0 \end{cases}$$

where $U = (u, u_t)$, $U(0) = (u_0, u_1)$ and the operators B and J depends on the cases $\theta < \delta$ and $\theta \geq \delta$.

Before we show the existence and uniqueness we need the definition of two important operators, the operators A_2 and A_θ . These operators are essential for the definition of the operator B . For the case $0 \leq \theta < \delta$ we use the operator A_2 to define B , while in the case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ we use the two operators, A_2 and A_θ to define the operator B .

2.1 The operator A_j

To define the operator A_j we need to consider $j \geq \delta$. We define the domain of A_j as the subspace of $H^j(\mathbb{R}^n)$ given by

$$D(A_j) = \left\{ v \in H^j(\mathbb{R}^n) / \exists z = z_v \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ such that } \right. \\ \left. ((-\Delta)^{j/2}v, (-\Delta)^{j/2}\psi) + (v, \psi) = (z, \psi) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}z, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi), \forall \psi \in H^j(\mathbb{R}^n) \right\}.$$

Following the definition of $D(A_j)$ the operator A_j , it shall be defined as

$$\begin{aligned} A_j : D(A_j) &\longrightarrow H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \\ A_j v &= z_v, \quad v \in D(A_j). \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Formally we have that the operator A_j is given by

$$A_j = (I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1} (I + (-\Delta)^j).$$

Lemma 2.1: For all $v \in H^j(\mathbb{R}^n)$ exist at most one $y = y_v \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$((-\Delta)^{j/2}v, (-\Delta)^{j/2}\psi) + (v, \psi) = (z, \psi) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}z, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi), \quad \forall \psi \in H^j(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (9)$$

Proof: If $y_1, y_2 \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfy the relation (9) and because $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in $H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we have

$$(y_1 - y_2, \psi) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}(y_1 - y_2), (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi) = 0, \quad \forall \psi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (10)$$

Consider $y := y_1 - y_2$, by the density of $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in $H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$, there exist $\{\psi_\nu\}_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}} \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \psi_\nu = y \text{ in } H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

therefore,

$$\|\psi_\nu - y\|_{H^\delta} \rightarrow 0, \text{ if } \nu \rightarrow \infty,$$

or yet

$$\|\psi_\nu - y\|_{H^\delta}^2 = \|y\|_{H^\delta}^2 - 2(y, \psi_\nu)_{H^\delta} + \|\psi_\nu\|_{H^\delta}^2 \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{when } \nu \rightarrow \infty. \quad (11)$$

Due to

$$|\|\psi_\nu\| - \|y\|| \leq \|\psi_\nu - y\|$$

we conclude that

$$\|\psi_\nu\|_{H^\delta} \rightarrow \|y\|_{H^\delta} \quad \text{in case } \nu \rightarrow \infty. \quad (12)$$

Using (11) and (12) we conclude that

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} (y, \psi_\nu)_{H^\delta} = \|y\|_{H^\delta}^2.$$

From (10) and the definition of inner product in $H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we have

$$0 = (y, \psi_\nu) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}y, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi_\nu) = (y, \psi_\nu)_{H^\delta}.$$

Thus, from (11) and (12) we have

$$0 = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} (y, \psi_\nu)_{H^\delta} = \|y\|_{H^\delta}^2.$$

Therefore, we conclude that $y_1 = y_2$.

Remark 2.1: *Due to $v \equiv 0 \in D(A_j)$ and Lemma 2.1 it follows that A_j is well defined.*

Lemma 2.2: *For $j \geq \delta \geq 0$ it holds that $D(A_j)H^{2j-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and there exist a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\|v\|_{H^{2j-\delta}} \leq C\|A_j v\|_{H^\delta}, \quad \forall v \in D(A_j).$$

Proof: Let $v \in D(A_j)$ for definition of $D(A_j)$, there exist $y = y_v \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$((-\Delta)^{j/2}v, (-\Delta)^{j/2}\psi) + (v, \psi) = (z, \psi) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}z, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi), \quad \forall \psi \in H^j(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (13)$$

We now define the functional $F_1 : H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\langle F_1, \psi \rangle = (y, \psi) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}y, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi), \quad \forall \psi \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

It is easy to see that F_1 is well define and linear. Moreover, using Plancherel theorem 1.1 and the norm define in $H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we proof that F_1 is a bounded operator. In fact

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle F_1, \psi \rangle| &\leq |(y, \psi)| + |((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}y, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi)| \leq \|y\| \|\psi\| + \|(-\Delta)^{\delta/2}y\| \|(-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi\| \\ &\leq \|\hat{y}\| \|\hat{\psi}\| + \|\xi|\delta\hat{y}\| \|\xi|\delta\hat{\psi}\| \leq 2\|y\|_{H^\delta} \|\psi\|_{H^\delta}, \quad \forall \psi \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n). \end{aligned}$$

Using the density of $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in $H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$, the varational problem (13) takes the following form

$$((-\Delta)^{j/2}v, (-\Delta)^{j/2}\psi) + (v, \psi) = \langle F_1, \psi \rangle, \quad \forall \psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Thus we conclude that $(-\Delta)^j v + v = F_1$ in $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Applying the Fourier Transform, where $z = A_j v$, we conclude

$$\hat{z} = \widehat{A_j v} = \frac{1 + |\xi|^{2j}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}} \hat{v} \quad (14)$$

Calculating the $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ norm for each term in the identity (14) we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^{-1} (1 + |\xi|^{2j})^2 |\hat{v}|^2 d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}) |\hat{z}|^2 d\xi.$$

From the fact that $(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^{-1} (1 + |\xi|^{2j})^2$ is equivalent to $1 + |\xi|^{2(2j-\delta)}$, we conclude that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2j-\delta)}) |\hat{v}|^2 d\xi \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}) |\hat{z}|^2 d\xi. \quad (15)$$

Following (15) we have that

$$\|v\|_{H^{2j-\delta}} \leq C \|z\|_{H^\delta} = C \|A_j v\|_{H^\delta},$$

for all $v \in D(A_j)$.

Note that the condition of $\delta \leq j$ is required, since $H^{2j-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ must be contained in $H^j(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Lemma 2.3: *Let $0 \leq \delta \leq j$ then $H^{2j-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subseteq D(A_j)$, that is, Let $v \in H^{2j-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then there exist $y \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that*

$$((-\Delta)^{j/2} v, (-\Delta)^{j/2} \psi) + (v, \psi) = (z, \psi) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2} z, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2} \psi), \quad \forall \psi \in H^j(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (16)$$

Proof: Let $v \in H^{2j-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $G_1 : H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$\langle G_1, \psi \rangle = ((-\Delta)^{j-\delta/2} v, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2} \psi) + (v, \psi), \quad \forall \psi \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Thus G_1 is well define and linear. Similarly to the proof that F_1 is continuous we may prove that G_1 is continuous ($|G_1| \leq 2 \vee_{H^{2j-\delta}}$).

Let $a_1 : H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that $a_1(\phi, \psi) = (\phi, \psi) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\phi, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi)$ for all $\psi, \phi \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

We have that $a_1(\cdot, \cdot)$ is well defined and bilinear. Moreover $a_1(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous and coercive for all $\phi, \psi \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$, because

$$|a_1(\varphi, \psi)| \leq 2\|\varphi\|_{H^\delta} \|\psi\|_{H^\delta}$$

and

$$a_1(\varphi, \varphi) = \|\varphi\|_{H^\delta}^2.$$

Therefore, the variational problem can be rewrite as

$$a_1(y, \psi) = \langle G_1, \psi \rangle, \quad \forall \psi \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (17)$$

From the Lax-Milgram Lemma the problem (17) admits unique solution $y = y_\nu \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

In particular (17) is valid for each $\psi \in (\mathbb{R}^n)$, there exists only one $y \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$(y, \psi) + ((-\Delta)^{\delta/2}y, (-\Delta)^{\delta/2}\psi) = ((-\Delta)^{j/2}v, (-\Delta)^{j/2}\psi) + (v, \psi), \quad \forall \psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Using the density of $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in $H^j(\mathbb{R}^n)$, by definition it follows that $v \in D(A_j)$.

Remark 2.2: *The Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 they says $D(A_j) = H^{2j-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. When $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ we have $\delta \leq \theta \leq 2\theta - \delta$ then $H^{2\theta-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset H^\theta(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$. When $j = 2$ we consider A_2 given by*

$$A_2 : D(A_2) \longrightarrow H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

$$A_2 = (I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(\alpha\Delta^2 - \Delta + I).$$

The assumption $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$ implies that $\delta \leq 2 \leq 4 - \delta$ then $H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Then, similar to the case $j \geq \delta$, we can see that $D(A_2) = H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2.2 Case $0 \leq \theta < \delta$ and $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$

We rewrite the system (4) in matrix form, with $U = (u, v) \in X$, $U_0 = (u_0, u_1) \in X$,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dU}{dt} = B_1 U + J_1(U) \\ U(0) = U_0 \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

where the operator $B_1 : H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow X$ and $J_1 : X \rightarrow X$ are given by

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -A_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad J_1(U) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ (I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(u - (-\Delta)^\theta v) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Lemma 2.4: The operator B_1 is infinitesimal generator of contraction semigroup of class C_0 in X .

Proof: We proof that B_1 satisfies the hypotheses of Lumer-Phillips Theorem from semi-groups theory.

Let $(u, v) \in D(B_1) = H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

To proof that B_1 is dissipative we calculate the inner product

$$\begin{aligned} (B_1(u, v), (u, v))_{H^2 \times H^\delta} &= \operatorname{Re}((v, -A_2 u), (u, v))_{H^2 \times H^\delta} = (v, u)_{H^2} + (-A_2 u, v)_{H^\delta} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \hat{v} \bar{\hat{u}} d\xi - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}) \widehat{A_2 u} \bar{\hat{v}} d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \hat{v} \bar{\hat{u}} d\xi - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}) \frac{1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}} \hat{u} \bar{\hat{v}} d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) (\hat{v} \bar{\hat{u}} - \hat{u} \bar{\hat{v}}) d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) 2i \operatorname{Im}g(\hat{v} \bar{\hat{u}}) d\xi = 0, \end{aligned}$$

because,

$$\widehat{A_2 u} = \frac{1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}} \hat{u}$$

According to the definition A_2 . Here $\text{Im}g(\hat{v}, \overline{\hat{u}})$ represents the imaginary part of $\hat{v} \overline{\hat{u}}$ and $i = \sqrt{-1}$. Taking the real part of $B_1(u, v)$, $(u, v)_{H^2 \times H^\delta}$ we get that B_1 is dissipative.

Now we show that $\text{Im}(I - B_1) = H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$. It easy to prove that $\text{Im}(I - B_1) \subset H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$. We need to see that $H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \text{Im}(I - B_1)$. Let $(f, g) \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then we prove that there exist $(u, v) \in D(B_1)$ such that $(I - B_1)(u, v) = (f, g)$. Equivalently, by the definition of B_1 , we need to prove that there exist $(u, v) \in D(B_1)$ such that $(u - v, v + A_2 u) = (f, g)$

Thus, it is sufficient to show that there is $(u, v) \in D(B_1)$ that satisfies

$$\begin{cases} u - v = f \\ v + A_2 u = g \end{cases} .$$

Substituting the first equality $v = u - f$ in the second one, we have

$$A_2 u + u = g + f.$$

By using the Lax-Milgran lemma we can prove that there exist $u \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfying the identity above. In particular we can obtain $A_2 u + u = g + f$ in $D'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ where $u \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $g \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $f \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then applying the Fourier transform we can rewrite the identity above as follows

$$(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^{1/2} \widehat{A_2 u} = (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^{1/2} (\hat{f} + \hat{g} - \hat{u}).$$

Calculating the L^2 -norm on each side of the above identity we have

$$\|A_2 u\|_{H^\delta}^2 \leq \|f\|_{H^\delta}^2 + \|g\|_{H^\delta}^2 + \|u\|_{H^\delta}^2 < \infty.$$

Therefore $A_2 u \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Using the definition of A_2 and Lemma 2.2 we conclude $u \in H^{A-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Now, due to $v = u - f \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ it follows that $v + A_2 u = g$ is true. We conclude that B_1 is maximal. But $H^{A-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in the energy space X . Then by Lumer-Phillips theorem, we obtain that B_1 is infinitesimal generator of a contraction semigroup of class C_0 in X .

Lemma 2.5: *The operator $J_1 : X \rightarrow X$ is a bounded linear operator.*

Proof: *The fact that J_1 is linear is obvious. To prove that J_1 is bounded on X follows from the estimate*

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_1(U)\|_{H^2 \times H^\delta} &= \left\| (I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1} (u - (-\Delta)^\theta v) \right\|_{H^\delta} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}) \left| \frac{\hat{u} - |\xi|^{2\theta} \hat{v}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}} \right|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{u}|^2 d\xi + 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\xi|^{4\theta}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}} |\hat{v}|^2 d\xi \leq 2\|u\|_{H^2}^2 + 2\|v\|_{H^\delta}^2 \leq 2\|U\|_{H^2 \times H^\delta}^2, \end{aligned}$$

which holds because

$$\frac{|\xi|^{4\theta}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}} \leq 1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}$$

when $0 \leq \theta < \delta$.

The fact that B_1 is infinitesimal generator of a contraction semigroup of class C_0 in X and J_1 is a bounded linear operator on X we conclude by theorem 1.3 that $B_1 + J_1$ is infinitesimal generator of a semigroup of class C_0 . Let $S_1 : [0, \infty) \rightarrow L(X)$ be the semigroup of class C_0 in X generated by $B_1 + J_1$ then $U(t) = S_1(t)U_0$ is the solution of the Cauchy Problem (18).

For initial data $U_0 = (u_0, u_1) \in X$ then the first component $u = u(t)$ of $U(t) = (u, u_t)$ is the unique weak solution of the system (4) in the class.

$$u \in C([0, \infty), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, \infty), H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)).$$

If the initial data $U_0 = (u_0, u_1) \in D(B_1) = H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $u = u(t)$ is the unique strong solution of the system (4) and satisfies

$$u \in C([0, \infty), H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, \infty), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^2([0, \infty), H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)).$$

2.3 Case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2$

We first observe the conditions on fractional powers, $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2$, implies $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$ and because that $H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$. So, for the case in consideration. we can also consider again the energy space as $X = H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Similarly to the previous section, we can consider operators B_2 and J_2 . For $v = u_t$ we have

$$v_t = u_{tt} = -(I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(\alpha\Delta^2 - \Delta)u - (I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(-\Delta)^\theta v.$$

Now, considering the operators A_2 and A_θ , we can rewrite the Cauchy Problem (4) in matrix form as follows

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dU}{dt} = B_2U + J_2(U) \\ U(0) = U_0 \end{cases}$$

where $U = U(t) = (u, v)$, $U_0 = (u_0, u_1)$, and the operators $B_2: H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow X$ and $J_2: X \rightarrow X$ are given by

$$B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -A_2 & -A_\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad J_2(U) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ (I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(u + v) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similarly to the previous subsection, we may prove that B_2 is infinitesimal generator of a contraction semigroup of class C_0 in X and J_2 is linear and bounded on X . Then, by Theorem 1.3 we conclude $B_2 + J_2$ is

infinitesimal generator of a semigroup of class C_0 . Let $S_2: [0, \infty) \rightarrow L(X)$ the semigroup generated by $B_2 + J_2$. Then $U(t) = S_2(t)U_0$ is the unique solution of the Cauchy Problem (18) for the case on δ and θ in this subsection.

Then, for initial data $U_0 = (u_0, u_1) \in X$ the first component $u(t)$ of $U(t) = S_2(t)U_0 \in C([0, \infty), X)$ is the unique weak solution of the linear problem (4) and satisfies

$$u \in C([0, \infty), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, \infty), H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)).$$

If the initial data $U_0 = (u_0, u_1) \in D(B_2) = H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $u(t)$ is the unique strong solution of (4) in the class

$$u \in C([0, \infty), H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, \infty), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^2([0, \infty), H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)).$$

3 DECAY RATES: LINEAR PROBLEM

The following theorems are proved in Charão-Horbach-Ikehata. These results show almost optimal decay rates to the norm of energy and L^2 -norm of the solution to the linear Cauchy problem (4).

Theorem 3.1: *Let $0 \leq \theta < \delta$. Then, the following decay rates are valid for the energy norm of the solution $u(t, x)$ of (4).*

i) Let $n \geq 1$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$. Then, for initial data $u_0 \in H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}+2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(|u_t|^2 + |(-\Delta)^\delta u_t|^2 + \alpha |\Delta u|^2 + |(-\Delta)^{1/2} u|^2 \right) dx \\ & \leq Ct^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \left(\|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}+2}}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}+\delta}}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

ii) Let $n \geq 1$ and $\frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$. Then, for initial data $u_0 \in H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}+2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}+\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(|u_t|^2 + |(-\Delta)^\delta u_t|^2 + \alpha |\Delta u|^2 + |(-\Delta)^{1/2} u|^2 \right) dx \\ & \leq Ct^{-\frac{n}{2\theta}} \left(\|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}+2}}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}+\delta}}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.2: Let $0 \leq \theta < \delta$. Then, the following decay rates are valid for the L^2 -norm of solution $u(t, x)$ of Problem (4).

i) Let $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and $n \geq 1$. Then, for initial data $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}+\delta-2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \leq Ct^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \left(\|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}+\delta-2}}^2 + \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}}}^2 \right).$$

In addition, if $n \geq 3$ then, for initial data $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)(n-4\theta)}{2-2\theta}+\delta-2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, it holds that, for a fixed $\tau > 0$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \leq Ct^{-\frac{n-4\theta}{2-2\theta}+\tau} \left(\|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 \right) + Ct^{-\frac{n-4\theta}{2-2\theta}} \|u_1\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)(n-4\theta)}{2-2\theta}+\delta-2}}^2 + Ct^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \|u_0\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2-2\theta}}}^2.$$

ii) Let $\frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$ and $n \geq 1$. Then, for initial data $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}+\delta-2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, it holds

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \leq Ct^{-\frac{n}{2\theta}} \left(\|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}+\delta-2}}^2 + \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}}}^2 \right).$$

In addition, if $n \geq 3$, $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)(n-2)}{2\theta}+\delta-2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \leq Ct^{-\frac{n-2}{2\theta}} \left(\|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)(n-2)}{2\theta}+\delta-2}}^2 \right) + Ct^{-\frac{n}{2\theta}} \left(\|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{H^{\frac{(\delta-\theta)n}{2\theta}}}^2 \right).$$

Theorem 3.3: Let $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $u_0 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then, the following decay rates are valid for the energy norm of the solution $u(t, x)$ of (4).

i) Let $n \geq 1$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(|u_t|^2 + |(-\Delta)^\delta u_t|^2 + \alpha |\Delta u|^2 + |(-\Delta)^{1/2} u|^2 \right) dx \\ & \leq Ct^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \left(\|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 \right) + e^{-\frac{\epsilon}{10}t} \left(\|u_0\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^\delta}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

ii) Let $n \geq 1$ and $\frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(|u_t|^2 + |(-\Delta)^\delta u_t|^2 + \alpha |\Delta u|^2 + |(-\Delta)^{1/2} u|^2 \right) dx \\ & \leq Ct^{-\frac{n}{2\theta}} \left(\|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 \right) + e^{-\frac{\epsilon}{10}t} \left(\|u_0\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^\delta}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.4: Let $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$. Then the following decay rates are valid for the L^2 -norm of the solution $u(t, x)$ of Problem (4).

i) Let $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and $n \geq 1$. Then, for initial data $u_0 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \leq Ct^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \left(\|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 \right) + e^{-\frac{\epsilon}{10}t} \left(\|u_0\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^\delta}^2 \right).$$

In addition, if $n \geq 3$ then, for initial data $u_0 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and a fixed $\tau > 0$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \leq Ct^{-\frac{n-4\theta}{2-2\theta}+\tau} \left(\|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 \right) + e^{-\frac{\epsilon}{10}t} \left(\|u_0\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^\delta}^2 \right).$$

ii) Let $\frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$ and $n \geq 1$. Then, for initial data $u_0 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \leq Ct^{-\frac{n}{2\theta}} \left(\|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 \right) + e^{-\frac{\epsilon}{10}t} \left(\|u_0\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^\delta}^2 \right).$$

In addition, if $n \geq 3$ then, for initial data $u_0 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, it holds

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |u|^2 dx \leq Ct^{-\frac{n-2}{2\theta}} \|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 + Ct^{-\frac{n}{2\theta}} \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + e^{-\frac{\epsilon}{10}t} \left(\|u_0\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^\delta}^2 \right).$$

4 EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS: SEMILINEAR PROBLEM

In this section we consider the Cauchy problem associated to a semilinear equation in \mathbb{R}^n of Boussineq/plate type with fractional damping given by

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} + (-\Delta)^\delta u_{tt} + \alpha \Delta^2 u - \Delta u + (-\Delta)^\theta u_t = \beta (-\Delta)^\gamma (u^p), \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), \\ u_t(0, x) = u_1(x) \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

where $u = u(t, x)$, $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n$, $\alpha > 0$, $\beta \neq 0$ and $p > 1$ integer. The fractional powers of the Laplacian operator are considered as follows $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2} \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$.

In case $\delta = 2$, $\gamma = 1$, $p = 2$ and $\theta = 1$ we have a sixth order Boussinesq equation under the effects of a hydrodynamic dissipation (see WAANG, S. e XUE, H., 2008; DARIPA, P. e HUA, W., 2012). If $\theta = 0$, $\delta = 1$, $\gamma = 1/2$, $\beta = 0$ and $n = 2$ we have a semilinear plate equation under the effects of a frictional dissipation (see CHARÃO, R. C., DA LUZ, C. R. e IKEHATA, R, 2013; DA LUZ, C. R. e CHARAO, R. C, 2009; and SUGITANI, Y. e KAWASHIMA, S, 2013).

Similar to the linear case, to study the existence of solutions we need to consider two cases.

$$\text{i) } 0 \leq \theta < \delta \text{ and } 0 \leq \delta \leq 2 \qquad \text{ii) } 0 \leq \delta \leq \theta \text{ and } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}.$$

We reduce the order of the Cauchy Problem (19) and rewrite it in the following matrix form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dU}{dt} = BU + F(U) \\ U(0) = U_0 \end{cases}$$

where $U = (u, u_t)$, $U_0 = (u_0, u_1)$ and the operator B is define in the Section 3 according to the both cases above mentioned. So, in both cases B is the infinitesimal generator of a contraction semigroup of C_0 -

Proof: We consider $U = (u, v) \in D(B_1)$ and we show that $F_1(u, v) \in D(B_1)$. By definition of F_1 and norm in H^2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_1(u, v)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 &= \|(I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(u - (-\Delta)^\theta v + \beta(-\Delta)^\gamma u^p)\|_{H^2}^2 \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^2} |\hat{u} - |\xi|^{2\theta} \hat{v} + \beta|\xi|^{2\gamma} \widehat{u^p}|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^2} (|\hat{u}|^2 + |\xi|^{4\theta} |\hat{v}|^2 + |\xi|^{4\gamma} |\widehat{u^p}|^2) d\xi \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left[(1 + |\xi|^{2(2-2\delta)}) |\hat{u}|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\theta-2\delta)}) |\hat{v}|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}) |\widehat{u^p}|^2 \right] d\xi \\ &\leq C \|u\|_{H^{2-2\delta}}^2 + C \|v\|_{H^{2+2\theta-2\delta}}^2 + C \|u^p\|_{H^{2+2\gamma-2\delta}}^2, \end{aligned}$$

due to the assumptions $2 - 2\delta \leq 4 - \delta$, $2 + 2\theta - 2\delta < 2$ and $2 + 2\gamma - 2\delta \leq 4 - \delta$.

Thus, from the definition of norm in $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and the natural embedding of $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in $H^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $s \geq r$, we get the following estimate

$$\|F_1(u, v)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 \leq C \|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C \|v\|_{H^2}^2 + C \|u^p\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2.$$

Now using Lemma 1.3 with $s = 4 - \delta$, we obtain for $n < 8 - 2\delta$

$$\|F_1(u, v)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 \leq C \|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C \|v\|_{H^2}^2 + C \|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{2p} < +\infty.$$

Lemma 4.2: Let $1 \leq n < 8 - 2\delta$, $0 \leq \theta < \delta$, $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$, $0 \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$ and $p > 1$ integer. let $U = (u, v)$ and $W = (w, z)$ such that $U, W \in D(B_1) = H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then

$$\|F_1(U) - F_1(W)\|_X \leq C \left(1 + \|B_1(U)\|_X^{p-1} + \|B_1(W)\|_X^{p-1} \right) \|B_1(U - W)\|_X.$$

Proof: For $U = (u, v)$ and $W = (w, z)$ in $H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|F_1(U) - F_1(W)\|_X^2 \\
& \leq \|(I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}((u - w) - (-\Delta)^\theta(v - z))\|_{H^\delta}^2 + \|\beta(I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(-\Delta)^\gamma(u^p - w^p)\|_{H^\delta}^2 \\
& = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} |(\hat{u} - \hat{w}) - |\xi|^{2\theta}(\hat{v} - \hat{z})|^2 d\xi + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} |\beta|\xi|^{2\gamma}(\hat{u}^p - \hat{w}^p)|^2 d\xi \\
& \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{u} - \hat{w}|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^{2(2\theta - \delta)})|\hat{v} - \hat{z}|^2 d\xi + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2\gamma - \delta)})|\hat{u}^p - \hat{w}^p|^2 d\xi \\
& \leq C\|u - w\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|v - z\|_{H^2}^2 + C\|u^p - w^p\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2,
\end{aligned}$$

because $2\theta - \delta < 2$ and $2\gamma - \delta \leq 4 - \delta$.

Now, using Lemma 1.5 with $s = 4 - \delta$, for $n < 8 - 2\delta$ we have

$$\|F_1(U) - F_1(W)\|_X^2 \leq C\|u - w\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|v - z\|_{H^2}^2 + C\left(\|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{p-1} + \|w\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{p-1}\right)^2 \|u - w\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2.$$

The estimate (see lemma 2.2) $\|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}} \leq C\|A_2u\|_{H^\delta}$ for all $u \in D(A_2)$ and the definition of operator B_1 imply that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|F_1(U) - F_1(W)\|_X^2 \\
& \leq C\|A_2(u - w)\|_{H^\delta}^2 + C\|v - z\|_{H^2}^2 + C\left(\|A_2u\|_{H^\delta}^{p-1} + \|A_2w\|_{H^\delta}^{p-1}\right)^2 \|A_2(u - w)\|_{H^\delta}^2 \\
& \leq C\|B_1(U - W)\|_X^2 + C\left(\|B_1U\|_X^{p-1} + \|B_1W\|_X^{p-1}\right)^2 \|B_1(U - W)\|_X^2 \\
& \leq C\left(1 + \|B_1U\|_X^{p-1} + \|B_1W\|_X^{p-1}\right)^2 \|B_1(U - W)\|_X^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4.3: Let $1 \leq n < 8 - 2\delta$, $0 \leq \theta < \delta$, $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$, $0 \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$ and $p > 1$ integer. Let $U = (u, v)$ and $W = (w, z)$ such that $U, W \in D(B_1) = H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then there exist a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|B_1(F_1(U) - F_1(W))\|_X \leq C\left(1 + \|B_1(U)\|_X^{p-1} + \|B_1(W)\|_X^{p-1}\right) \|B_1(U - W)\|_X.$$

Proof: For $U = (u, v)$ and $W = (w, z)$ in $H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|B_1(F_1(U) - F_1(W))\|_X^2 \\
& \leq \|(I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}|(u - w) - (-\Delta)^\theta(v - z)|\|_{H^2}^2 + \|\beta(I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(-\Delta)^\gamma(u^p - w^p)\|_{H^2}^2 \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^2} |(\hat{u} - \hat{w}) - |\xi|^{2\theta}(\hat{v} - \hat{z})|^2 d\xi + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^2} |\beta|\xi|^{2\gamma}(\hat{u}^p - \hat{w}^p)|^2 d\xi \\
& \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2-2\delta)}) |\hat{u} - \hat{w}|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\theta-2\delta)}) |\hat{v} - \hat{z}|^2 d\xi + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}) |\hat{u}^p - \hat{w}^p|^2 d\xi \\
& = C\|u - w\|_{H^{2-2\delta}}^2 + C\|v - z\|_{H^{2+2\theta-2\delta}}^2 + C\|u^p - w^p\|_{H^{2+2\gamma-2\delta}}^2,
\end{aligned}$$

since we have assumed $2 - 2\delta \leq 4 - \delta$, $2 + 2\theta - 2\delta < 2$ and $2 + 2\gamma - 2\delta \leq 4 - \delta$.

The above estimate combined with lemma 1.5 imply for $n < 8 - 2\delta$ the estimate of lemma.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|B_1(F_1(U) - F_1(W))\|_X^2 \leq C\|u - w\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|v - z\|_{H^2}^2 + C\|u^p - w^p\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 \\
& \leq C\|u - w\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|v - z\|_{H^2}^2 + C\left(\|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{p-1} + \|w\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{p-1}\right)^2 \|u - w\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 \\
& \leq C\|A_2(u - w)\|_{H^\delta}^2 + C\|v - z\|_{H^2}^2 + C\left(\|A_2u\|_{H^\delta}^{p-1} + \|A_2w\|_{H^\delta}^{p-1}\right)^2 \|A_2(u - w)\|_{H^\delta}^2 \\
& \leq C\|B_1(U - W)\|_X^2 + C\left(\|B_1U\|_X^{p-1} + \|B_1W\|_X^{p-1}\right)^2 \|B_1(U - W)\|_X^2 \\
& \leq C\left(1 + \|B_1U\|_X^{p-1} + \|B_1W\|_X^{p-1}\right)^2 \|B_1(U - W)\|_X^2
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, combining the Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3 we conclude that

$$\|F_1(U) - F_1(W)\|_X + \|B_1(F_1(U) - F_1(W))\|_X \leq C\left(1 + \|B_1(U)\|_X^{p-1} + \|B_1(W)\|_X^{p-1}\right)\|B_1(U - W)\|_X.$$

Therefore, given a constant $M > 0$ and considering $U, W \in \mathcal{H}^{A-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ $\mathcal{H}^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$\|B_1(U)\|_X \leq M \quad \text{and} \quad \|B_1(W)\|_X \leq M$$

we have, for $L_M = 1 + 2M^{p-1}$, the following estimate

$$\|F_1(U) - F_1(W)\|_X + \|B_1(F_1(U) - F_1(W))\|_X \leq CL_M\|B_1(U - W)\|_X.$$

Thus, we conclude that F_1 is Lipschitz continuous on bounded sets of $D(B_1)$. Then, the fact that B_1 is infinitesimal generator of a contraction semigroup of C_0 -class in X , using the Theorem 1.4 we have the following theorem of local existence and uniqueness.

Theorem 4.1: *Let $0 \leq \theta < \delta$, $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$, $0 \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, $p > 1$ integer and $0 < n < 8 - 2\delta$. Then, for initial data $(u_0, u_1) \in H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ there exist unique solution to the semilinear Cauchy Problem (19) defined in a maximal interval $[0, T_m)$ in the class*

$$u \in C^2([0, T_m), H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, T_m), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C([0, T_m), H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n))$$

satisfying one and only one of the following conditions

$$(i) T_m = \infty \qquad (ii) T_m < \infty \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow T_m} \|U\|_X + \|B_1 U\|_X = \infty.$$

4.1.2 Case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$

We write the system (19) in the standard matrix form as in previous section

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dU}{dt} = B_2 U + F_2(U) \\ U(0) = U_0 \end{cases}$$

where the operators $B_2 : H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow X$ and $F_2 : D(B_2) \rightarrow D(B_2)$ are given by

$$B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -A_2 & -A_\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad F_2(U) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ (I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1} (u + v + \beta(-\Delta)^\gamma u^p) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Similar to the previous section we prove, also in this case, that F_2 is well defined and is Lipschitz continuous on bounded sets of $D(B_2)$. In section 2 we proved that B_2 is infinitesimal generator of a contraction semigroup of C_0 -class in X . Then, using the Theorem 1.4 we obtain the local of existence and uniqueness as follows.

Theorem 4.2: *Let $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, $0 \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, $p > 1$ integer and $0 < n < 8 - 2\delta$. Then, for initial data $(u_0, u_1) \in H^{\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ there exist a unique solution to the semilinear Cauchy Problem (19) in a maximal interval $[0, T_m)$ in the class*

$$u \in C^2([0, T_m), H^{\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, T_m), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C([0, T_m), H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n))$$

such that one and only one of following conditions is true

$$i) T_m = +\infty \qquad ii) T_m < \infty \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow T_m} \|U\|_X + \|B_2 U\|_X = +\infty.$$

4.2 Global Existence

In this section we show that the maximal interval of existence in the two previous cases is $[0, \infty)$. To do that, we assume $T_m < \infty$ and we claim that $\|U\|_X + \|B_2 U\|_X < +\infty$. In such case we get $T_m = \infty$ and the global existence follows.

Taking the Fourier Transform in spatial variable x on the Cauchy problem (19) we get the equivalent Cauchy problem in Fourier space

$$\begin{cases} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})\hat{u}_{tt} + (\alpha|\xi|^4 + |\xi|^2)\hat{u} + |\xi|^{2\theta}\hat{u}_t = \beta|\xi|^{2\gamma}\hat{u}^p, \\ \hat{u}(0, \xi) = \hat{u}_0(\xi), \\ \hat{u}_t(0, \xi) = \hat{u}_1(\xi). \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

Using the Duhamel principle the solution of the Cauchy Problem 20 can be write as

$$\hat{u}(t, \xi) = \hat{H}(t, \xi)\hat{u}_0 + \hat{G}(t, \xi)\hat{u}_1 + \beta \int_0^t \hat{G}(t - \tau, \xi) \frac{|\xi|^{2\gamma}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}} \hat{u}^p(\tau, \xi) d\tau. \quad (21)$$

Then, the derivative in time is given by

$$\hat{u}_t(t, \xi) = \hat{H}_t(t, \xi)\hat{u}_0 + \hat{G}_t(t, \xi)\hat{u}_1 + \beta \int_0^t \hat{G}_t(t - \tau, \xi) \frac{|\xi|^{2\gamma}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}} \hat{u}^p(\tau, \xi) d\tau, \quad (22)$$

where the fundamental solutions to the linear problem are

$$\hat{G}(t, \xi) = \frac{e^{\lambda_+ t} - e^{\lambda_- t}}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} \quad \text{and} \quad G(t, x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{G}(t, \cdot))(x),$$

$$\hat{H}(t, \xi) = \frac{\lambda_+ e^{\lambda_- t} - \lambda_- e^{\lambda_+ t}}{\lambda_+ - \lambda_-} \quad \text{and} \quad H(t, x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{H}(t, \cdot))(x)$$

and the associated characteristics roots are

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{-|\xi|^{2\theta} \pm \sqrt{|\xi|^{4\theta} - 4|\xi|^2(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)}}{2(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}.$$

In the HORBACH, J. L., IKEHATA, R. e CHARÃO, R. C., 2016 is calculated in Lemma 3.6 the following estimate to solutions of the linear problem.

$$(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})|\hat{u}_t|^2 + |\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)|\hat{u}|^2 \leq 5e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_{\theta}(\xi)t} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})|\hat{u}_1|^2 + |\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)|\hat{u}_0|^2 \right) \quad (23)$$

$$\text{where } \rho_{\theta}(\xi) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon|\xi|^{2-2\theta}(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2), & |\xi| \leq 1 \text{ e } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \varepsilon \frac{|\xi|^{2\theta}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}}, & |\xi| \leq 1 \text{ e } \frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2} \\ \varepsilon \frac{|\xi|^{2\theta}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}}, & |\xi| \geq 1 \text{ e } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2} \end{cases}$$

We use the estimate (23) to prove the next lemma.

Lemma 4.4: *Let $\hat{G}(t, \xi)$ and $\hat{H}(t, \xi)$ fundamental solutions of linear problem associated to Problem (20). Then we have the following estimates:*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{i)} |\hat{G}_t|^2 \leq 5e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_{\theta}(\xi)t}; & \text{ii)} |\hat{G}|^2 \leq 5e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_{\theta}(\xi)t} \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)}; \\ \text{iii)} |\hat{H}_t|^2 \leq 5e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_{\theta}(\xi)t} \frac{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}; & \text{iv)} |\hat{H}|^2 \leq 5e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_{\theta}(\xi)t}. \end{array}$$

Proof: To show items (i) and (ii) we consider the solution of the homogeneous problem (20) with $\hat{u}_0 = 0$. Then, we have $\hat{u}(t, \xi) = \hat{G}(t, \xi)\hat{u}_1$ and $\hat{u}_t(t, \xi) = \hat{G}_t(t, \xi)\hat{u}_1$.

Substituting these expressions on the left hand side of the estimate (23) the result for (i) and (ii) follows. The proof of item (iii) and (iv) is similar.

Now, to prove the claim that $\|U\|_X + \|BU\|_X < +\infty$ we need consider again the two cases on δ and θ .

4.2.1 Case $0 \leq \theta < \delta$ and $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$

We need in this case to show that the norm $\|U(t)\|_X + \|B_1U(t)\|_X$ is bounded for all $t \in [0, T_m)$ by assuming that $T_m < +\infty$.

By definition of $B(u, u_t) = (u_t, -A_2u)$, where $A_2 = (I + (-\Delta)^\delta)^{-1}(a\Delta^2 - \Delta + I)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|U\|_X^2 + \|B_1U\|_X^2 &= \|u\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_t\|_{H^\delta}^2 + \|u_t\|_{H^2}^2 + \|A_2u\|_{H^\delta}^2 \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)|\hat{u}|^2 d\xi + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})|\widehat{A_2u}|^2 d\xi \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)|\hat{u}_t|^2 d\xi + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})|\hat{u}_t|^2 d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} (2 + |\xi|^{2\delta} + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)|\hat{u}|^2 d\xi + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (2 + |\xi|^{2\delta} + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)|\hat{u}_t|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

We note that

$$\frac{(1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} (2 + |\xi|^{2\delta} + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \leq C(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)})$$

and

$$(2 + |\xi|^{2\delta} + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \leq C(1 + |\xi|^4)$$

for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$, Then, we obtain

$$\|U\|_X^2 + \|B_1U\|_X^2 \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)})|\hat{u}|^2 d\xi + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^4)|\hat{u}_t|^2 d\xi.$$

Substituting \hat{u} and u_t , given by (21) and (22) respectively, in the above inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|U\|_X^2 + \|B_1U\|_X^2 &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)})|\hat{H}|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^4)|\hat{H}_t|^2 \right) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi \\ &+ C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)})|\hat{G}|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^4)|\hat{G}_t|^2 \right) |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi \\ &+ C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-3\delta)})|\xi|^{4\gamma}|\hat{G}|^2|\hat{u}^p|^2 d\xi d\tau + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2-2\delta)})|\xi|^{4\gamma}|\hat{G}_t|^2|\hat{u}^p|^2 d\xi d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using the estimates in Lemma 4.4 and the fact that $e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} \leq 1$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|U\|_X^2 + \|B_1 U\|_X^2 &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) + (1 + |\xi|^4) \frac{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} \right) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi \\ &+ C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)} + (1 + |\xi|^4) \right) |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi \\ &+ C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-3\delta)}) |\xi|^{4\gamma} \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)} |\widehat{w}^p|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^{2(2-2\delta)}) |\xi|^{4\gamma} |\widehat{w}^p|^2 \right) d\xi d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

We observe that in the second integral at the right hand side of (24) \hat{u}_1 appears a singularity given by $|\xi|^{-2}$. So, this term is a little delicate to deal with in the zone of low frequency, that is, ξ near zero. To do that we assume additional regularity on the initial data u_1 . In the third integral we have the same singularity but it is controlled by the term $|\xi|^{4\gamma}$ from the nonlinearity because $\gamma \geq 1/2$.

Note that, for $|\xi| \geq 1$ we have

$$(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)} \leq C(1 + |\xi|^4)$$

and for $0 < |\xi| \leq 1$ we have

$$(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)} \leq 4|\xi|^{-2}.$$

Using these estimates, we estimate the integral where appears the initial data \hat{u}_1 in (24) working at the zones of low and high frequency. The integral on high frequency is estimate by $\|u_1\|_{H^2}^2$ and the integral on the low frequency is estimate by the norm of u_1 in $\dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The other integrals at the right hand side of (24) can be estimate in standard way. Therefore, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|U\|_X^2 + \|B_1U\|_X^2 &\leq C\|u_0\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{H^2}^2 + C \int_{|\xi|\leq 1} |\xi|^{-2} |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi \\
&\quad + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2-2\delta+2\gamma)}) |\widehat{u^p}|^2 d\xi d\tau \\
&\leq C\|u_0\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{H^2}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + C \int_0^t \|u^p\|_{H^{2-2\delta+2\gamma}}^2 d\tau \\
&\leq C\|u_0\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{H^2}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + C \int_0^t \|u^p\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 d\tau.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the Lemma 1.3 with $0 < n < 8 - 2\delta$ we have for $p > 1$ integer

$$\begin{aligned}
\|U(t)\|_X^2 + \|B_1U(t)\|_X^2 &\leq C\|u_0\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{H^2}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + C \int_0^t \|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{2p} d\tau \quad (25) \\
&\leq C\|u_0\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 + C\|u_1\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + T_m \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \|u(\tau)\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{2p} \\
&\leq C\|B_1U_0\|_X^2 + C\|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + CT_m \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \|B_1U(\tau)\|_X^{2p}.
\end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in [0, T_m)$ with the maximum time of existence T_m is assumed to be finite.

Now, we define the function

$$M_1(t) = \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} \left(\|U(\tau)\|_X^2 + \|B_1U(\tau)\|_X^2 \right) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T_m.$$

From the previous inequality we get that $M_1(t)$ satisfies

$$M_1(t) \leq C \left(\|B_1U_0\|_X^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 \right) + CT_m M_1(t)^p, \quad \forall t \in [0, T_m) \text{ with } T_m < +\infty. \quad (26)$$

In order to show that the solution obtained to the Cauchy Problem (19) is global, that is $T_m = +\infty$, we need the next elementary lemma of calculus.

Lemma 4.5: *Let $p > 1$ and $F(M) = aI_0 + bTM^p - M$ a continuous positive function on $M \geq 0$, with a, b, I_0, T positive constants. Then, there exist a unique $M_0 > 0$ absolute minimum point of $F(M)$ in $[0, \infty)$. In addition, there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $F(M_0) < 0$ if $0 < I_0 \leq \varepsilon$.*

We note that the function $M_1(t)$ is not negative and satisfy $F(M_1(t)) \geq 0$ for all $t \in [0, T_m)$ due to inequality (26) with $F(M)$ the function given in Lemma 4.5 with

$$a = b = C, T = T_m \text{ and } I_0 = \|B_1 U_0\|_X^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2.$$

Therefore, if $0 < I_0 \leq \varepsilon$, $\varepsilon > 0$ given by Lemma 4.5, due to the continuity of the function $M_1(t)$, there are only two possibilities:

$$(i) M_1(t) < M_0, \text{ for all } t \in [0, T_m) \quad \text{or} \quad (ii) M_1(t) > M_0, \text{ for all } t \in [0, T_m).$$

However, we note that

$$M_1(0) = \|U_0\|_X^2 + \|B_1 U_0\|_X^2.$$

Then, assuming another condition on the initial data that $M_1(0) < M_0$ (M_0 the global minimum point in Lemma 4.5) it follows that $M_1(t) \leq M_0$ for all $t \in [0, T_m)$. Then the condition that holds is (i). Therefore, if T_m is finite, we have proved that

$$\|U\|_X^2 + \|B_1 U\|_X^2$$

is bounded for all $t \in [0, T_m)$. This contradicts the condition of Theorem 4.1. Then, we must have $T_m = \infty$ and the solution is global for the case in consideration. The result is

Theorem 4.3: *Let $0 \leq \theta < \delta$, $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$, $1 \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, $p > 1$ integer and $1 \leq n < 8 - 2\delta$. Consider the initial data $u_0 \in H^{\delta-\theta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfying $0 < I_0 \leq \varepsilon$ and $M_1(0) < M_0$ with $\varepsilon, I_0, M_0, M_1(0)$ given above and in Lemma 4.5.*

Then, there exist a unique global solution $u = u(t, x)$ to the Cauchy Problem (19) such that

$$u \in C^2([0, \infty), H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, \infty), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C([0, \infty), H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)).$$

4.2.2 Case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$

To this case, we need to find a upper bound for the norm $\|U\|_X + \|B_2 U\|_X$ for all $t \in [0, T_m)$, with $U = (u, u_t)$ where u is the solution of (19) given by Theorem 4.2. Analogously to the previous section we may obtain such estimate. This fact proves that the solution is global and the following result holds.

Theorem 4.4: *Let $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2} \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, $p > 1$ integer and $1 \leq n < 8 - 2\delta$. Consider the initial data $u_0 \in H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfying $0 < I_0 \leq \varepsilon$ and $M_2(0) < M_0$ with $\varepsilon, I_0, M_0, M_2(0)$ given in a similar way as in previous case. Then, for this case on δ and θ , there exist unique global solution $u = u(t, x)$ to the Cauchy Problem (19) such that*

$$u \in C^2([0, \infty), H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, \infty), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C([0, \infty), H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)).$$

5 DECAY RATES: SEMILINEAR PROBLEMA

From Theorems 4.3 and 4.4 the semilinear Problem (19) has a unique global solution in the class

$$u \in C^2([0, \infty), H^\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C^1([0, \infty), H^2(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C([0, \infty), H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n))$$

for all $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, $\frac{1}{2} \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, $p > 1$ integer and $1 \leq n < 8 - 2\delta$. Consider the initial data $u_0 \in H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ small enough.

In this section we show decay rates to the energy and $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ norm of the solution to the semilinear problem (19) by using estimates similar to the estimates in previous sections.

We note that is sufficient to get estimates for the norm $\| (u, u_t) \|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}$ to obtain decay rates to the energy norm and $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -norm. In fact, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} [(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})|\hat{u}_t|^2 + |\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)|\hat{u}|^2 + |\hat{u}|^2] d\xi \\ & \leq \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} [(2 + |\xi|^2 + |\xi|^4)|\hat{u}_t|^2 + (1 + \alpha)(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)})|\hat{u}|^2] d\xi \leq C\|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Let us now find an estimate for $\| (u, u_t) \|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}$. In section 4.2 we have expressions for the solution \hat{u} and its derivative \hat{u}_t (see (21) and (22)). Then, using such expressions and the definition of norm $H^{4-\delta} \times H^2$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 & \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)})|\hat{H}|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)|\hat{H}_t|^2 \right) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi \\ & + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)})|\hat{G}|^2 + (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4)|\hat{G}_t|^2 \right) |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi \\ & + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{|\xi|^{4\gamma}}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^2} |\hat{G}(t - \tau)|^2 |\hat{u}^p|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ & + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \frac{|\xi|^{4\gamma}}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^2} |\hat{G}_t(t - \tau)|^2 |\hat{u}^p|^2 d\xi d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by considering the estimates in Lemma 4.4 we arrive at the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 & \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) + (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \frac{|\xi|^{2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)}}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} \right) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi \\ & + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} \left((1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)} + (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \right) |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi \\ & + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)(t-\tau)} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{|\xi|^{4\gamma}}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} |\hat{u}^p|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ & + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)(t-\tau)} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \frac{|\xi|^{4\gamma}}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^2} |\hat{u}^p|^2 d\xi d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

We note here that the terms that appear in the above inequality can be estimated for, $0 \leq \delta \leq 2$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2} \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$, for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$, as follows

- i) $(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) + (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \frac{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} \leq C(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)});$
- ii) $(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{|\xi|^{4\gamma}}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})} \leq C(1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}), \quad \left(\gamma \geq \frac{1}{2}\right);$
- iii) $(1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) \frac{|\xi|^{4\gamma}}{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})^2} \leq C(1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}).$

As in (24) we can observe that in the estimate (ii) above appears the singularity $|\xi|^{-2}$ for ξ near zero which is controlled by the term $|\xi|^{4\gamma}$ since we have assumed $\gamma \geq 1/2$. On the second integral at the right hand side of the last estimate, as in (24), we do not have the term $|\xi|^{4\gamma}$ because that we assume the additional hypotheses $u_1 \in \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The problem with such singularity is at the zones of low frequency. The integral on high frequency can be estimate in standard way.

In fact, to estimate the coefficient of $|\hat{u}_1|^2$, we see that for $|\xi| \geq 1$

$$(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)} \leq C(1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4),$$

because $|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2) \geq (1 + \alpha|\xi|^4)$.

For $0 < |\xi| \leq 1$ we have $(1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)} \leq 4|\xi|^{-2}$.

Thus, using the above estimates, we may conclude that $\|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}$ is bounded by the four integrals as shown below

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 &\leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi + C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi \\ &+ C \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} |\xi|^{-2} |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi + C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)(t-\tau)} (1 + |\xi|^{2+2\gamma-2\delta}) |\hat{u}^p|^2 d\xi d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

At this point, we define the following integrals, dependent on t , which appear in the above estimate

- $L_1(t) = C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi;$
- $L_2(t) = C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} (1 + |\xi|^2 + \alpha|\xi|^4) |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi;$
- $L_3(t) = C \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} |\xi|^{-2} |\hat{u}_1|^2 d\xi;$
- $N_1(t) = C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)(t-\tau)} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}) |\widehat{u^p}|^2 d\xi d\tau.$

The function ρ_θ define in section 3 depends on θ , then we separated the problem into four cases:

- i) Case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$; ii) Case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $\frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$;
 iii) Case $0 \leq \theta < \delta \leq 2$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$ iv) Case $0 \leq \theta < \delta \leq 2$ and $\frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$.

In the next subsections we show decay estimates to the energy and for the L^2 -norm of the solution in cases (i) and (ii). These estimates refer to the case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ where we do not need to impose more regularity on the initial data compared to the decay rates was already obtained to the linear problem. The cases (iii) and (iv) can be estimated in the same way but assuming regularity on the initial data.

5.1 Case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$

In this subsection we find decay rates to the L^2 -norm and to the energy for the semilinear problem.

$$\text{For the case } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ we have } \rho_\theta(\xi) = \begin{cases} \varepsilon |\xi|^{2-2\theta} (1 + \alpha |\xi|^2), & |\xi| \leq 1 \text{ e } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \varepsilon \frac{|\xi|^{2\theta}}{1 + |\xi|^{2\delta}}, & |\xi| \geq 1 \text{ e } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Since $\rho_\theta = \rho_\theta(\xi)$ also depends on ξ , we estimate $e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta t}$ in the low and high frequency in the following way

- i) For $|\xi| \leq 1$ we have $\rho_\theta(\xi) \geq \varepsilon|\xi|^{2-2\theta}$. Then $e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta t} \leq e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{5}|\xi|^{2-2\theta}t}$.
- ii) For $|\xi| \geq 1$ we have $\rho_\theta(\xi) \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ because we are considering $\theta \geq \delta$. Thus, we also have $e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta t} \leq e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{10}t}$ in this case.

Lemma 5.1: Let $p > 1$ integer and $1 \leq n < 8 - 2\delta$. Let θ, δ and γ such that $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$. Then, for all initial data $u_0 \in H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 &\leq C \left(\|(u_0, u_1)\|_{L^1 \times L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|(u_0, u_1)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 \right) (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t \|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^{2p} (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau, \quad \forall t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Proof: We start estimating L_1 defined above. First we separated the integral into two integrals, at the low frequency ($|\xi| \leq 1$) and another at the high frequency ($|\xi| \geq 1$). Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(\xi)t} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq C \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{5}|\xi|^{2-2\theta}t} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi + C \int_{|\xi| \geq 1} e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{10}t} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

We use the Lemma 1.8 to estimate the integral at the low frequency and the definition of norm in $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to estimate the integral at the high frequency. Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &\leq C \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{5}|\xi|^{2-2\theta}t} d\xi + C e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{10}t} \int_{|\xi| \geq 1} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-\delta)}) |\hat{u}_0|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq C \|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} + C e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{10}t} \|u_0\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 \leq C \left(\|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 \right) (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}}, \quad \forall t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

In the same way we can easily estimate L_2 to get

$$L_2 \leq C \left(\|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^2}^2 \right) (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

The estimate for L^3 follows from the definition of the Sobolev space $\dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and from Lemma 1.8. Then we have for $t > 0$

To get an estimate to N_1 we again estimate the associated integral into low frequency and high frequency as follows

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= C \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{1}{5}\rho_\theta(t-\tau)} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}) |\widehat{u^p}|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ &\leq C \int_0^t \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{5}|\xi|^{2-2\theta}(t-\tau)} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}) |\widehat{u^p}|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t \int_{|\xi| \geq 1} e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{10}(t-\tau)} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}) |\widehat{u^p}|^2 d\xi d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

On the low frequency zone we use the Lemmas 1.8 and 1.1 and on high frequency we use the Lemma 1.3 with $n < 8 - 2\delta$. Then, since $2 + 2\gamma - 2\delta \leq 4 - \delta$ and the condition that $\gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$ we arrive at the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &\leq C \int_0^t \|u^p(\tau)\|_{L^1}^2 \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{5}|\xi|^{2-2\theta}(1+t-\tau)} d\xi d\tau \\ &\quad + C \int_0^t e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{10}(t-\tau)} \int_{|\xi| \geq 1} (1 + |\xi|^{2(2+2\gamma-2\delta)}) |\widehat{u^p}(\tau)|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ &\leq C \int_0^t \|u^p(\tau)\|_{L^1}^2 (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau + C \int_0^t e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{10}(1+t-\tau)} \|u^p(\tau)\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using the Lemmas 1.3 and 1.4 with $n < 8 - 2\delta$ and $p > 1$ integer, we have estimates to L^1 -norm and $H^{4-\delta}$ -norm of u^p . Thus the estimate for N_1 is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &\leq C \int_0^t \|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{2p} (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau + C \int_0^t e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{10}(1+t-\tau)} \|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{2p} d\tau \\ &\leq C \int_0^t \|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{2p} (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau, \quad \forall t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, combining the above estimates, we conclude for $p > 1$ integer and $n < 8 - 2\delta$

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 &\leq C \left(\|u_0\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_0\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^2 \right) (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \\
&+ C \left(\|u_1\|_{L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{H^2}^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 \right) (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} + C \int_0^t \|u\|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{2p} (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau \\
&\leq C \left(\|(u_0, u_1)\|_{L^1 \times L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|(u_0, u_1)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 \right) (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \\
&+ C \int_0^t \|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^{2p} (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau, \quad \forall t > 0
\end{aligned}$$

and the lemma is proved.

Finally we multiply the inequality in previous lemma by $(1+t)^{\frac{n}{2-2\theta}}$ in order to get the following inequality which holds for $t > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
(1+t)^{\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 &\leq C \left(\|(u_0, u_1)\|_{L^1 \times L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|(u_0, u_1)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 \right) \\
&+ C \int_0^t \|(u, u_t)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^{2p} (1+t)^{\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, for $t \geq 0$ we define the function

$$M_1(t) = \sup_{0 \leq \tau \leq t} (1+\tau)^{\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} \|(u(\tau), u_t(\tau))\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2. \quad (29)$$

From the above inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}
M_1(t) &\leq C \left(\|(u_0, u_1)\|_{L^1 \times L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|(u_0, u_1)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 \right) \\
&+ CM_1(t)^p \int_0^t (1+\tau)^{-\frac{np}{2-2\theta}} (1+t)^{\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau,
\end{aligned}$$

for all $t > 0$. By Lemma 1.9 we have

$$\int_0^t (1+\tau)^{-\frac{np}{2-2\theta}} (1+t)^{\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} (1+t-\tau)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}} d\tau \leq C(n, p, \theta)$$

when $\frac{n}{2-2\theta} > 1$, that is, $2-2\theta < n$ with $C(n, p, \theta)$ a positive constant.

Therefore, we have arrived at the following main inequality with holds for $t > 0$.

$$M_1(t) \leq C \left(\|(u_0, u_1)\|_{L^1 \times L^1}^2 + \|u_1\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,1}}^2 + \|(u_0, u_1)\|_{H^{4-\delta} \times H^2}^2 \right) + CM_1(t)^p. \quad (30)$$

Finally, to find the desired decay rates to the Cauchy Problem (19) we need an elementary lemma of calculus, analogous to Lemma 4.5.

Lemma 5.2: *Let $p > 1$ and $F(M) = aI_0 + bM^p - M$, a continuous and positive function for $M \geq 0$, and a, b, I_0 positive constants. Then, there exist only one $M_0 > 0$ absolute minimum point of $F(M)$ in $[0, \infty)$. In addition, there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ such that if $0 < I_0 \leq \varepsilon$ then $F(M_0) < 0$.*

Combining (30), the above lemma and work as in subsection 4.2 we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 5.1: *Let $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}, p > 1$ integer and $2 - 2\theta < n < 8 - 2\delta$. Consider the initial data $u_0 \in H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfying $0 < I_0 \varepsilon$ and $M_1(0) < M_0$ with $\varepsilon, I_0, M_0, M_1(0)$ given by Lemma 5.2. Then the following estimate for the energy norm plus the L^2 standard of the solution is true*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(|u_t|^2 + |(-\Delta)^{\delta/2} u_t|^2 + \alpha |\Delta u|^2 + |(-\Delta)^{1/2} u|^2 + |u|^2 \right) dx \leq CI_0(1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2-2\theta}}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

We note here that the rate found above is the same rate found for the energy norm of Linear Problem 4 as we see in Theorem 3.3 item (i).

5.2 Case $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta$ and $\frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}$

As in the previous section we prove decay rates to the energy and L^2 -norm for this case. The result is the following.

Theorem 5.2: *Let $0 \leq \delta \leq \theta, \frac{1}{2} < \theta \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \leq \gamma \leq \frac{2+\delta}{2}, p > 1$ integer and $2\theta < n < 8 - 2\delta$. Consider the initial data $u_0 \in H^{4-\delta}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u_1 \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \dot{W}^{-1,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfying $0 < I_0 \varepsilon$ and $M_2(0) < M_0$ with $\varepsilon, I_0, M_0, M_2(0)$ define above. Then the following estimate for the energy norm plus the L^2 standard of the solution is true*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(|u_t|^2 + |(-\Delta)^{\delta/2} u_t|^2 + \alpha |\Delta u|^2 + |\nabla u|^2 + |u|^2 \right) dx \leq C I_0 (1+t)^{-\frac{n}{2\theta}}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Remark 5.1: We observe that we can remove the hypotheses $\gamma \geq 1/2$ in Theorems 4.3, 5.1, 5.2 and assume the condition $\gamma \geq \max \{0, 1/2 - n/4\}$ by performing a simple estimate. In fact such condition was imposed when was estimated the integral corresponding to the semilinear term in (24) and in (28) on the zone of low frequency. Indeed, we can estimate the integral with a singularity in $\xi = 0$ that appears in (24).

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} (1 + |\xi|^{2(4-3\delta)}) |\xi|^{4\gamma} \frac{(1 + |\xi|^{2\delta})}{|\xi|^2(1 + \alpha|\xi|^2)} |\widehat{u^p(\tau)}|^2 d\xi d\tau \leq \int_0^t \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} |\xi|^{4\gamma-2} |\widehat{u^p(\tau)}|^2 d\xi d\tau \\ & \leq \int_0^t |u^p(\tau)|_{L^1}^2 \int_{|\xi| \leq 1} |\xi|^{4\gamma-2} d\xi d\tau \leq C \int_0^t |u^p(\tau)|_{L^1}^2 d\tau \leq \int_0^t |u(\tau)|_{H^{4-\delta}}^{2p} d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

due to Lemma 1.4 for $4 - \delta > n/2$ and the assumption $\gamma > 1/2 - n/4$ with $\gamma > 0$.

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